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McDonald's vs. QPIRG

Protesting consequences of corporation's bottom line mentality

by Brian Thom

October 16th was Two-Big-Macs-For-the-Price-of-One-Day at McDonald's fast food restaurant. For concerned citizens around the globe, that was the annual World Day of Action against McDonald's.

This is what I saw at the anti-McDonald's demonstration.

"Two for one heart-attacks, two for one garbage, two for one environmental destruction," shouts a protester perched with two signs on a light post in front of the McDonald's on St. Catherine and University. People from McGill's Quebec Public Interest and Research Group (QPIRG), McGill University and Food Not Bombs Montréal (a Montréal activist organization) hand out leaflets to passers by. Demonstrators rush

across the street to capture the attention of curious people looking on. People seem interested, stopping to pick up one of the 1,000 leaflets QPIRG has brought to hand out.

Many people laugh and smile as they walk by, satisfied at seeing the ridicule of a greasy, mass-marketed, profit oriented corporation. Still, some people trickle into McDonald's for lunch as the QPIRG activists chant over the megaphone "Big-Mac, Heart-Attack. Big-Mac, Heart-Attack. Eat Fast, Die Young."

Another passer-by with a baby-carriage looks up and takes a pamphlet. "McDonald's targets their image to vulnerable, little children," comes the warning from the megaphone.

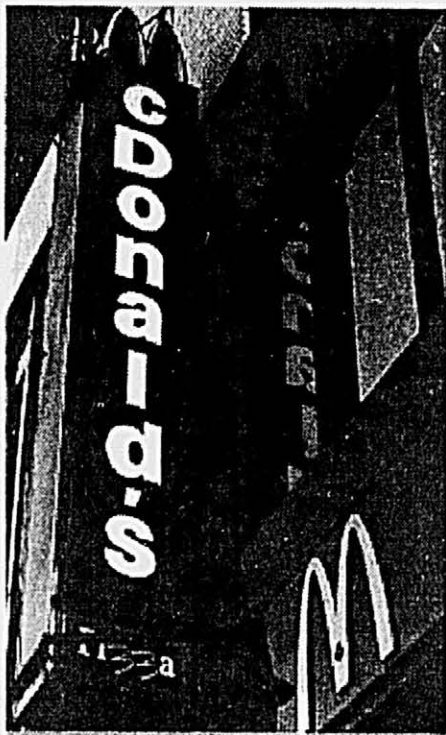
So what is all the fuss about?

Julia Baum, one of QPIRG's coordinators of the rally, says that their goal is to try to "educate people about the food choices they make and the effect their choices have on the environment and the lives of other people. McDonald's is really a symbol of the problem. They aren't the only company, but if we can pressure them to change maybe others will too."

According to the protesters McDonald's crimes against the earth and people are many and varied.

The literature distributed at the rally outlines a few of the multi-national corporation's terrible practices: damage to the environment through rain forest destruction for inexpensive beef pro-

duction, exploitation of workers through a policy of low-wages, high profits and suppression of union movements, murder of billions of animals raised in intensive



McDonald's, casting an environmental shadow

factory farms, and robbing the poor (mostly Indigenous people in Amazonia) of vast areas of lands for beef production at the expense of their own local food needs.

Possibly the most damning act perpetrated by McDonald's is that

it promotes its food as 'nutritious.' Analysis by the McInformation Network of nutritional information provided by McDonald's shows that in fact, "their food is high in fat, sugar and salt, and low in fibre and vitamins. A diet of this type is linked with a greater risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and other diseases. Their food also contains many chemical additives, some of which may cause ill-health, and hyperactivity in children."

Food Not Bombs has prepared three 10 gallon vats of vegetarian food which they give out free to anyone "This excellent free vegetarian food is an alternative to environmental destruction, torture of animals and poor workers' rights," says a representative of the Food not Bombs collective.

The collective advocates vegetarianism by feeding people for free every Sunday at Square Berri with food that has been disposed at places like Jean-Talon Market.

Asking one patron how he feels about having eaten at McDonald's, he says "I feel bad that I'm actually supporting them, but I'm hungry and it's cheap and there's no meat in the free vegetarian soup."

Collective members from Food not Bombs agree that vegetarian soup has no meat, and that vegetarian food is infinitely preferable

to meat, but they state that even if McDonald's did serve vegetarian food, they would not buy it.

"Even if McDonald's starts serving their 'Vegetable Deluxe Burger', we won't eat McDonald's because they still use meat. They are the largest single meat consumers in the world. They cut-down rain forests so they can have cheap meat. Their Veggie Burger [would only be] for the money."

McDonald's staff are silent through the protest. Repeated attempts to talk with staff and management are met with deferrals to the Regional Office. The Daily's calls to McDonald's were not returned.

"If they don't want to call you back, if they want to look bad, that's up to them" said the night manager of McDonald's on St. Catherine Street.

Looking elsewhere for McDonald's voice in all of this, I found Jim Cantalupo, President of McDonald's International. In their 1992 Annual Report, he wrote, "In the international arena, we don't usually like to talk about market share because we're not going to share anything. We're after the entire market and it's really true in many of the markets...we're creating the market for our kind of restaurant experience."

This Annual Report was fol-

lowed up by a talk given by Paul Preston, President of McDonald's UK, called "Successfully Managing the Globalization of Your Organization and Determining the Optimum Structure of the Borderless Corporation - Thinking Globally, Acting Locally." McDonald's makes over \$1 billion profit a year," he stated.

This is the third annual protest that has been held in Montréal. Eventually, the police come and remove the man with the megaphone off the city lamp. They stay to the end of the rally, making sure protesters keep moving and not blocking the entrance to McDonald's.

Perhaps responding to what she saw as the unruffled complacency of the McDonald's staff during the protest, Carlye Jensen, another QPIRG volunteer, angrily says: "Some people are so stupid they don't realize that protests have an effect. Even McDonald's has changed. They have changed their packaging in response to protests. It is baby steps, but it is going somewhere."

If you are looking for more information about the truth of McDonald's, check out the McInformation Network website at: <http://www.McSpotlight.org/>

Mayor Bourque cashes in

by Jeff Webber

Urban Planning guidelines ignored for short term gain

Despite widespread criticism, Montréal Mayor Pierre Bourque has effectively abandoned the Urban Plan established by the city council in 1992.

The Urban Plan, also known as the Mater Plan, was developed in the late eighties and early nineties, through a series of public meetings. It was designed to cover all areas of urban development, and to offer consistent guidelines, approved by the citizens, as to what was appropriate to build in any specific sector. The purpose was to avoid building factories next to residential, or school districts, and other problematic projects.

A resolution made by the city council on the Urban Plan the year of its creation dictates that the plan be amended every five years based on the conclusions derived from public consultation.

However, Odile Chevrolat, spokesperson for the Urban-planning department, confirmed that

the city's executive committee has not asked the urban-planning department to review the Plan since 1992. This is not the only clause of the Urban Plan that Mayor Bourque has failed to recognize according to many of his critics.

Many people oppose Mayor Bourque's urban development strategies, and are quick to point to what they see as a flawed record in his negotiations and decision-making. City councillor Helen Fotopolous emphasised Bourque's tendency to try and please everyone with his use of political rhetoric, and then proceed with whatever arbitrary plans he may have.

"He talks about the importance of consulting citizens but he just acts according to his own whims and follies," she said.

Fotopolous warned that the approach Bourque has adopted in relation to urban development is a "sort of a rudderless ship," that can endanger communities. She cites the situation in Mile End, where she is a councillor. If peo-

ple had not been mobilised in defense of their community Bourque would have allowed a McDonald's enterprise, as well as several signage projects, to go ahead. According to Fotopolous, this would have proceeded despite the fact that these motions would have violated regulations designed to protect heritage sights.

Another opposition councillor, Sam Boskey, was also critical of urban development in Montréal under Bourque's reign as mayor. He is especially concerned with Bourque's abandonment of the Urban Plan.

"If you have rules, if you have a vision, for it to work you have to apply them," Boskey stated. Instead of implementing the regulations entrenched in a consultative process, however superficial it may have been, Boskey claims that Bourque simply makes decisions based on his own prerogatives. "Bourque, who believes in economic development, wants to

get rid of all the irritants," he said, referring what he sees as Bourque's dislike of the tedious process of public consultation.

The body presently charged with regulating urban development is the Urban Planning Commission. The Commission consults the public before planning any new projects. However, the consultative process has been criticised by several opposition councillors, and ex-members of the Mayor's party.

Fotopolous directly opposes all aspects of the procedural activities of the Urban Development Commission. "The centralized system right now is problematic because it is the neighborhoods that should be consulted," she said.

Boskey is also sharply critical of the consultative process by which the Urban Development Commission operates. He agrees with Fotopolous that the centralized character of public consultation delegitimises the Commis-

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Women's groups forming a coalition

Umbrella organization will unite efforts of different campus groups

by Anna Liachenko

In response to overlapping services of various McGill women's groups, a coalition is

action on issues relevant to women, from a variety of approaches, where the resources lie."

are there." After that, she adds "we will avoid doubling of [our] activities and wasting our time".

their efforts. Called Women's Council, their goal is to set a line of communication between various groups dealing with women's issues.

In a meeting held two weeks ago, the invited representatives of various feminist groups approved the idea of creating the Women's Council as their umbrella organization. The groups include IRC Committee on Women, McGill Network on Women, QPIRG McGill, Sexual Assault Center of McGill Students Society and others.

The idea of Women's Council was proposed last spring by Wendy Lai, coordinator of the Women of Color Collective. Lai is looking forward to maximizing feminist activism. "Banding together would allow for more successful events," she says.

The proposal presented to the members of McGill women's groups last April stated that "some issues are complex enough that they need to be addressed from a number of levels, not just by student groups." She stated that she "would like to involve a population of members at large, including students, professors, and support staff who would help in the functioning of the council but will represent only their own interests."

Lai feels that campus women's issues should be dealt with more aggressively. "Decisions at McGill are made by bodies composed largely of men, and may focus on the male perspective," she says. The mandate of the Women's Council will be "to take

[will be taken] if action is not possible". The council will also "network, provide mutual support, and pass information" between different groups.

The Council's goals are to address several issues including library and campus safety, a gender neutral language policy and sexual harassment policy, and the representation of women on campus. It will also allow different feminist groups to join their efforts in organizing events for the International Women's Week, December 6th Ceremony in remembrance of the 14 women killed at the University of Montréal's Ecole Polytechnique, as well as Women's History Month.

Lai also sees efficiency as the Council's first priority. She says that the idea is not to "have to go back and forth between representative groups to attain permissions for decision making". Even though this will be up to each individual group to decide, Lai hopes that "the groups' representatives will be given a mandate to make decisions themselves".

One important goal of the Women's Council is to ensure that the efforts of different women's groups are not duplicated. Christina Gravely, External coordinator for Sexual Assault Center of McGill Students Society and a member of the Women's Council, says that "we have a lot of feminist groups on campus." Gravely explains that since this is a relatively new organization, it is not known which groups will be involved. She maintains that first, "we have to know which groups

will be no need for additional funding to operate the Council. "For various activities we probably will be able to draw on our collective resources and the usual channels via various discretionary funds," she says.

The attempt to coordinate various feminist groups on campus is not new in itself. Two years ago, the Women's Union formed an External Board to address this issue. Unfortunately, there were no major improvements. Sacha Crittenden, External Coordinator of the Women's Union and also a member of the Women's Council, says that then, the problem was the lack of organization as well as the fact that communication between different groups can not be a responsibility of one group only. Crittenden is more optimistic about the possibility of success for the Women's Council. She hopes that the different women's groups will finally be able to collaborate. "If we know what everyone is doing, we can be stronger together," she says.

Today the Council is still in its very beginning stages. The main focus for this year will be to work out the policy issues and to establish communication lines. The Council will meet biweekly or once monthly. Eventually, the goal of the Council will be to replace the external board of the Women's Union. Despite being in its early stages, Lai is hopeful that the Council will become a bigger umbrella organization involving feminist groups from other universities as well as the city of Montréal.

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A Prophecy About Bosnia

For years, Bosnia has concerned many; we hear of Serb evil, that they, as Gwynne Dyer has noted, "are good at cutting throats in general." But how will this end? Dyer should be happy, for the "cutthroats" seem to be headed for disaster.

To hint at what might happen, let us look at what has happened in neighboring Croatia. Like in Bosnia, rebel Serbs held large amounts of land; like in Bosnia, an outside force froze the situation; in Croatia, that being the United Nations, and in Bosnia, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). So, it is likely that Croatia's fate will be Bosnia's fate. In Croatia, as the UN was guarding the peace, the Serbs suffered embargo. Meanwhile, the Croats received arms and assistance from the United States. This is the Croatian regime led by a Holocaust denier, Franjo Tudjman. He has glorified the Nazi puppet regime of the Ustashe, led by Poglavin Ante Pavelic, who vowed that blood would flow and heads would fall. Serbs and Jews

were massacred; children were burned alive at the camp at Jasenovac. The Poglavin was so sadistic, that he showed a journalist his basket of human eyeballs and the Nazi SS had his troops expelled from the territory of Srem for their horrific acts. Now, to Tudjman, the Ustashe are national heroes, and receive bigger pensions than do their anti-Nazi Partisan counterparts. Under Tudjman, Croatia has adopted the Ustashe flag and currency, the kuna. He has embraced the Ustashe legacy. This is the land the US has helped.

In 1995, Croatia was armed to the point that it was far stronger than the Serb Republic of Krajina, inhabited mainly by Serbs for centuries. The UN Mandate for Croatia was to end. In August 1995, with the UN gone, Tudjman launched "Operation Storm". The Serbs were driven out in the greatest act of ethnic cleansing of the war, and people were burned alive in their homes.

In Bosnia, the Croat-Muslim federation has received military

and financial aid, while the Serbs have been punished for not integrating into the new Bosnia; this despite the fact that the Serbs are less able to allow for the return of Muslim and Croat refugees. This is because of a housing shortage, caused by the absorption of the Serb victims of Operation Storm, whose return to their homes is being blocked by Croatia. Still, the ratio of reconstruction aid to the Federation as compared with the Serbs is 49 to 1. Now, it is reported that a Federation force would easily overwhelm the Serbs. Next year, the NATO mandate ends; expect an even greater orgy of killing and ethnic cleansing. And the media, having portrayed the Serbs as genocidal maniacs, have seen to it that they will be seen as deserving of their fate.

Poglavin Pavelic ran a Croatia that included both today's Croatia and Bosnia. He wished it to be free of Serbs. Now, with US rather than Nazi help, it seems that this dream will come true.

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Join the Struggle

To the Daily,

Last year Montréal saw one of its largest protests in living memory. Students at dozens of CEGEPs and universities, including McGill, held strikes to oppose an apparently "inevitable" deregulation of tuition fees. What was even more exciting about the strike was that it worked! As a result of student pressure, the Québec government agreed not to raise tuition fees. It was a significant victory, but as many McGill students know, it wasn't complete. The government attacked the fringes of the student population and now out-of-province students have to pay extra to attend Québec schools. These cut-backs were part of a larger way governments, business and some, not all, of Canadian society see the world.

This year more down-sizing to education funding, welfare, and our health care system is in the cards and students once again can have a role in opposing what we're told is inevitable. A coalition of student, anti-poverty and women's groups from across Québec has been formed and have planned an action dubbed "Plan G". Broadly, the purpose of Plan G is to remind the PQ government that there are more people to please in Québec than bankers and foreign investors.

Plans for many forms of protest are in the works. One way McGill students can get involved is by coming out Tuesday October 21, at 17h to Shatner B9/10 to help form a McGill Plan-G Action Committee. With your partici-

pation, Plan G has the possibility of being as effective as the student strikes last year. Much is at stake so we urge you to come out and be part of this movement.

Jarrett Rudy, History, Ph.D
PGSS External Affairs Committee

More Bookstore Intrigue...

To the Daily,

Re: "The Bookstore fiasco continues." by Jason Chow, October 6, 1997.

You state that the "workgroup...created...by Phyllis Heaphy "had a 'mandate.'" Does she have the authority to supplant Senate committees? Having reviewed the initial proposal, the University Bookstore Committee had registered its opposition to the scheme. This was unacceptable to Heaphy. Contrary to her own solemn word, she made the

unilateral move to "create" her own workgroup.

Professor Duff fulfilled his 'mandate' recommending "to make [McGill's Bookstore] the best university bookstore in the country" through the outsourcing of its management. The National Association of College Stores review had already signaled that McGill has one of the best operations in North America. Duff's critique of management's 'reactive stance and its reluctance to 'initiate' change is shocking. Management demonstrated commitment to the hard-nosed NACS analysis and service improvements. Subsequently, the Senate Committee and management decided proactively to review and improve operations to enhance our performance. This is measured partly by the regular repayment of the mortgage to SSMU's benefit.

Heaphy recommends outsourcing to a group with a "lack of experience"! McGill's bookstore should not be used this

way, using the lure of short term gains to draw the University into a flawed relationship. McGill's Bookstore provides services on a cost-recovery basis. Generating profits on the backs of our community is the antithesis of the bookstore's mandate.

The accounting firm hand-picked by Heaphy to study outsourcing ignored the Bookstore's service mandate. Criticism was voiced at a meeting attended by Heaphy. Ignoring this element is an error.

Senate invited Professor Duff to present on October 1st. It chose to ignore its own committee. The senators received partial information engineered to serve Heaphy's purposes. She had intended from the outset to bypass Senate to implement a pre-ordained decision.

Committee minutes are on public display in the McLennan Library.

Dr. J. Archibald, Chair
University Bookstore Committee

IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE

mcgill daily special issue on science

do you know your strange quarks from your charm quarks? can you spell "deoxyribonucleic acid" without looking at this ad? do you know the general proof for the quantum uncertainty principle by heart? does the differentiation of complex four-dimensional functions bring a bittersweet tear to your eye?

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anyone interested in writing about science, or who has ideas for those who are, even if they don't know jack about Fourier transforms, is invited to a brainstorming meeting this thursday, october 23, at 7:30 pm in the daily office, Shatner B-03. or you can just come in to the office anytime and ask to speak with noëmi or paul.

Dangerous Information

Rape Drug Recipe available on the Internet

by Samana Siddiqui

Although many praise the internet for the large amount of information it provides, they are often weary of the potentially dangerous information at a surfer's disposal, which now includes the recipe for a date rape drug.

For the last few months, recipes for the drug GHB (Gamma Hydroxybutyrate) have been available on the Internet. GHB, a sedative, is one of many drugs used in substance-related date rape or sexual assault.

GHB renders its victim unconscious and vulnerable to sexual assault. After the incident occurs, she has no recollection of it.

Cases like this have occurred primarily in the U.S., but have also surfaced in Canada, including an incident at McGill. Last October several women were approached at Gert's pub by a man who offered to buy them drinks. According to reports filed later at the Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Students' Society (SACOMSS) after drinking the beer the women began shaking and convulsing. The incident was linked to the drug Rohypnol, also referred to as a rape drug.

"Like so many things, Canada is playing catch-up to the U.S. It's pretty unfortunate in this case," said Paul Danylewich of the White Tiger Street Defense. The Montréal-based organisation teaches assault prevention education to female students at various colleges and high schools in greater Montréal and eastern Ontario.

"In the last couple of years we've seen it grow and basically

it's at a point where it's a national concern in the U.S.," he added. "I see it as an emerging threat."

The Drug Enforcement administration in the US has seized Rohypnol in 23 states.

guy in those types of cases and it probably feels good to have that clarity. But I think the reality is that most sexual assaults are perpetrated by people you do know."

"Giving [substance-related

concern about the issue of Rohypnol-related sexual assault will allow them to see or to investigate for themselves the issue of sexual assault on the whole and to better understand it and to do something about it."

"Rohypnol rape" refers to the use of the drug Rohypnol or flunitrazepam to knock unsuspecting women unconscious and then rape them. Rohypnol acts as a strong tranquilizer impairing judgment and motor skills, producing memory loss and a loss of inhibition. Combined with alcohol, its effects are augmented and can involve black-outs lasting up to 24 hours. The drug is colourless, odourless and virtually

Over the decades, alcohol and substances such as chloral hydrate or "Mickey Finns" have been used to sedate individuals for sexual assault.

But the most recent threat, it seems, is GHB, which is one of the "in" drugs according to Lt.-Detective Steve Roberts of the MUC Police's Sexual Assault Unit.

"GHB is the new drug, everyone takes it," he said. The other common drug is Ecstasy. Both cause some form of memory loss, but GHB is much worse.

Roberts said people take GHB to loosen up, and it is used at house parties, clubs and bars. "Most of the people take it voluntarily," he explained.

But while GHB recipes are easily accessible on the internet, the solution, censoring them is not the solution, according to some.

"You can, from a book in the library [learn] how to hang somebody, you can learn how to make a bomb, you can pick up a chemistry book and learn how to mix chemicals," said Ingrid Hein, an internet columnist with Eye weekly newspaper in Toronto and Montreal free-lance journalist.

"The fact that it hurts women doesn't lead me to believe we should censor it," she added. "Let's hope people are educated enough not to use it for that purpose."

Gravely agrees.

"I don't think the information in and of itself is dangerous," she said. "It's the desire to do evil with the information that's the problem."

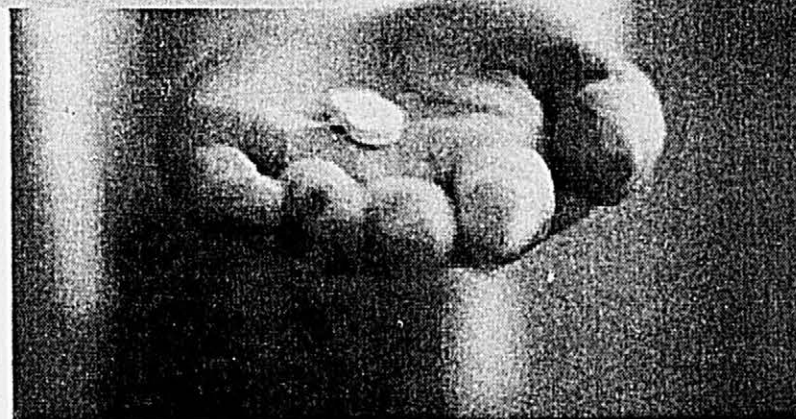


Danylewich said he has seen the internet sites with GHB recipes himself. Moreover, at a recent workshop he presented, high school students said they had also found it on the internet.

But despite this availability of information, others are not so sure the threat of substance-related sexual assault is as serious as Danylewich suggests.

Christina Gravely is External Coordinator of SACOMSS. While she admits that cases of drug-related rape are happening, she says recent attention on it "functions as the myth about the aggressor in the bushes or stranger sexual assault."

"It's easy to see who's the bad



sexual assault] too much attention is problematic but being aware of it is important," she added.

"I just kind of hope that in the long run, people's attention and

undetectable. Most of the media attention and controversy has centred on Rohypnol. However, it is only one of many drugs used for this purpose.

National News Briefs

SFU students to oppose APEC summit

VANCOUVER—After a four hour debate the student union at Simon Fraser University passed a resolution opposing the upcoming Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation summit in Vancouver.

The student union's decision is representative of a "swelling movement" at SFU in opposition to APEC and the upcoming summit. Mark Veerkamp, the Unions External Relations officer, says, "[Protests] are certainly not [happening] to the extent as at [the University of British Columbia]... but it's definitely a concern, that's for sure," he says.

The APEC conference will be held in Vancouver Nov. 18 - 25. Leaders from 18 countries will be

attending.

The decision to hold part of the conference at UBC is causing unrest at that campus. There have already been numerous protests and several arrests at the university this fall. Students are concerned that the university is condoning undemocratic regimes, like China and Indonesia, and their human rights abuses by welcoming their leaders to UBC.

—Sara Galshan

Pro-Life may be recognized at Memorial

ST. JOHN'S—The possibility that a campus pro-life group may get full recognition from Memorial University's student union has raised concerns at the school's

women's centre.

The student group MUN For Life is currently being recognized on a trial basis by the student union and will be eligible for full recognition during the winter semester.

During the trial period groups are allowed to operate on campus and establish a presence, through things like information booths. Once a group is granted full recognition it automatically gets money from the union and is able to apply for special project grants and office space.

—Kelli Kieley

Teachers turn testy with Ontario Tories

TORONTO—Schools across the

province are a step closer to being shut down after thousands of students and teachers descended upon the provincial legislature this week to deliver their message directly to the government.

On Monday afternoon, over 1,000 high school students congregated on the steps of Queen's Park to speak out against the proposed changes to the province's school system.

Hours later, approximately 24,000 teachers returned to the same spot after an evening rally at Maple Leaf Gardens where they sent an even louder message to the provincial government: that they will go on strike if it does not back down on bill 160.

If the bill passes, preparation time for high school teachers will be cut, non-professionals will re-

place qualified teachers in certain disciplines and some collective bargaining rights of teachers, including determining class sizes, will be taken away. The bill also shifts the responsibility for setting education tax rates from schools boards to the province.

—Jon Bricker and Sarah Schmidt

Corporate Conundrum

VICTORIA—Canadians want more corporate involvement in education but are wary of advertising in schools, says a recent survey.

Enviroics, a Toronto-based polling company, recently released their biannual survey on educational issues, and it said that

Protesting for Peltier

Hundreds rally at annual event

by Louise Morgan

As part of an ongoing campaign to free North American Indian political prisoner Leonard Peltier, a protest march was held last Sunday, October 12th at the British Columbia-Washington border.

Hundreds of people attended the annual event organized by North American Indigenous peoples support networks, in an effort to increase public awareness and to remind the Canadian and U.S. governments of their responsibility in the Leonard Peltier case.

"It is a tragedy beyond tragedies that this case remains unaddressed for 21 years, for 2 decades," says Anne Dreaver of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee Canada (LPDC), who has been working full time with Frank Dreaver in support of the Peltier case, since 1987.

Peltier, now 50, continues to be mistreated in federal prison. He is given false information about his own health and has received unsuccessful operations to correct a problem with his jaw, which have actually worsened his situation. He is now refusing treatment by prison medical staff. "Leonard Peltier's medical condition is serious and can only worsen as more time drags on and prison authorities continue to stall, refusing him access to specialized medical diagnosis and treatment," states a medical update by the LPDC. Peltier is suffering greatly due to headaches and his jaw, which cannot close, has a permanent half inch space between upper and lower teeth, forcing him to mash

his food with his tongue in order to eat. Additionally, his telephone calls have been suspended for months at a time.

Leonard Peltier was wrongly convicted in 1977 of the murders of 2 FBI agents, killed in an FBI-American Indian Movement (AIM) shootout on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reserve in 1975. This occurred during the "Reign of Terror" of 1973-76, a North American tension, based on unresolved land treaty and other issues, which escalated into a state of siege, not unlike the one experienced at Oka in 1990. Three other suspects were held by the FBI following the FBI deaths, one was released and the other 2 were acquitted based on grounds of self-defense. Peltier fled to Canada, fearing for his life.

"The FBI unleashed its largest manhunt in its history at the time to get its man. And they got their man at all cost, fabricating and lying their way through it and also defrauding the Canadian people, and that's the whole point" says Dreaver. The trial of Leonard

Peltier, as the only remaining suspect in FBI hands, was moved to a North Dakota court, known for its racist attitude against Aboriginal peoples, where he was convicted, the evidence of self defense declared inadmissible. He remains in prison, having served 21 years of the 2 life sentences he received following the racially biased trial,

"The heart of this is an aboriginal issue but the heart of it is also a fundamental human rights issue," says Dreaver. Peltier's case of human rights abuse is renowned and supported by Amnesty International and many governments, including the European and Belgian parliaments. He has received high profile support and

publicity in the form of Robert Redford's documentary film and a CD *Pine Ridge: an open letter to Allan Rock*, a compilation featuring original songs in support of Leonard Peltier and the Indian people by The Tragically Hip, Sarah McLachlan, Ashley MacIsaac, and Greg Keelor of Blue Rodeo, among others. Thousands of Canadians have written and many have petitioned their MPs to get involved. "All we're asking the Canadian government to do," says Dreaver, "is to say what a terrible thing the FBI did and to lodge a formal complaint with the U.S. government, regardless of timing."

Peltier's 3 appeals have been denied, and no progress with the U.S. government is evident. In 1994, the Canadian Justice Department, which has historically been inactive in the case, finally authorized a formal review of the case and the extradition, following 20 years

of public appeals and lobbying. This process of the review has begun, but no response has yet been given to the public by the Canadian government.

"We really feel set back that Allan Rock did not come out with his decision. There is no way that he can say this does not express the concern of Canadian people," says Dreaver. Allan Rock was the minister responsible when the process began, but his recent replacement will further delay the process for Peltier's case.

Supporters are seeking executive clemency and release for Leonard Peltier and are hoping that international public and political pressure on the American government will force it to look seriously into the Peltier case and to act appropriately to remedy these 21 years of injustice. Anne Dreaver feels hopeful about the future of the Peltier case, believing that we have reached the threshold of Peltier's release, thanks to the efforts of individual people around the world who bring the issue into the public spotlight.

If you would like more information or would like to lend your support in any way, please contact Frank & Ann Dreaver, Leonard Peltier Defense Committee Canada, 43 Chandler Drive, Scarborough, Ontario, M1G 1Z1. phone: (416)439-1893 e-mail: lpdcctd@web.net

Urgent Appeal for Leonard Peltier



What's going on in the outside world

90 per cent of Canadians favour more corporate involvement in post-secondary education. Further, it said 75 per cent favour more ties between business and secondary and elementary schools.

But at the same time, 74 per cent of Canadians oppose advertising in classrooms, while 64 per cent oppose it in hallways and 57 per cent oppose it on computer programs.

Brad Lavigne, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, says that he is concerned about both the growing corporate presence on campus and its subtle and not-so-subtle links to advertising.

He cites a number of examples where corporations are both indirectly and directly establishing a greater presence on Canadian campuses.

The University of Montreal, says Lavigne, is looking to sell names of professors. Faculty would get funding from corporations in return for training corporate staff. Atkinson College at York University is looking to sell the names of classrooms to corporations, he adds. And at Carleton University, the Bell Amphitheatre goes so far as to have sponsored chairs.

The situation is reaching the point, said Lavigne facetiously, where "you can sit at the NorTel seat in the Bell Amphitheatre taking the Sprint Economics 101 by the GM professor of economics." —Craig Saunders

Coke gets monopoly on four more B.C. campuses

VANCOUVER—Four more British Columbia schools have signed a deal with Coca-Cola giving it a monopoly on their campuses in return for money.

The administrations of Capilano College, Kwantlen College, Douglas College and Trinity Western University rallied together to attract Coke's attention and negotiate with the cold beverage giant.

"They could afford to lose Douglas as a college, but they can't afford to lose all four of us," Mark Crozat, director of the Douglas College Foundation, the school's main fundraising body, said.

The deal went into effect Sept. 1. Neither the institutions nor Coke will release details of the agreements.

In 1995 the University of Brit-

ish Columbia and its student union signed monopoly agreements with Coca-Cola, giving it exclusive selling rights on campus in return for money. The 10-year deal brings the student union \$130,000 per year and an undisclosed amount to the university.

—Emily Yearwood

Newfoundland government won't budge on 1-900 number

St. John's—The Newfoundland government won't replace a 1-900 student aid information line despite complaints from rural students about expensive phone bills.

While local calls to the St. John's-based number are free,

there is a charge of 50 cents for the first minute and 40 cents for each additional minute for non-local callers. As a result, students from rural Newfoundland say they are running up high long-distance phone bills checking the status of their student loans.

The Memorial University student union began lobbying the provincial government last year to drop the number after rural students complained of expensive phone bills.

While student union vice-president external Randy Miller says the union is still pushing to have the line removed, the government continues to ignore the issue.

—Chad Luff

—With files from Canadian University Press

World Watch

JAPAN'S LESBIANS STEP OUT

by Andrew Donaldson and Russell Skelton

They came with drums and whistles, some dressed in dark blue "salary man" suits, others draped in rainbow flags as they marched through Tokyo streets to the music of k.d. lang.

It was Japan's first queer march in support of lesbian rights and lesbian pride. Although they were small in number—just a noisy and assertive 200—they stopped Tokyo's midday shoppers. Some on-lookers were amused, some were curious. The elderly seemed bewil-

dered.

"The lesbian community here is hardly visible at all, it is not like the United States or Australia," said a spokeswoman for the march, Maria Miho Hiramatsu. "The problem with lesbians in Japan is that they are connected with pornography. The image of lesbians follows men's ideas of what women are which is very different from women's idea of what women are," she said.

A prominent member of the Lesbian Mother's Association,

Hiramatsu, dressed in gold lame and purple feathers, was accompanied on the march by her two young sons. "I am divorced. I have come out. I have told my friends and my boss even that I am a lesbian and I have not received any reaction from him. I think this is because he probably doesn't understand what it means," she said.

In Japan, queer culture is officially ignored. Laws permit homosexual acts between consenting adults over the age of 18, but because of the strict conformist na-

ture of Japanese society, most homosexuals still live in a subterranean world of queer bars and discreet lifestyles.

Lesbians marching today say that discrimination would be far greater in Japan if queers were open about their sexuality. The marchers' banners carried an explicit message. "It is a mistake to connect lesbians with pornography," declared one.

Source:
queerplanet@abacus.ox.y.edu

Bourque cont'd.

-sion's claims of accountability. It offers little in terms of authentic consultation, under the facade of a public forum.

At the present time public meetings concerning urban development occur at City Hall, while prior to Bourque's two-year-old inception of the Urban Development Commission (which applies the same regulations to all communities), each community had their own urban-planning commission.

This decentralized system facilitated public meetings within the individual communities over issues pertaining specifically to that community. The obvious problem with the new system, noted Boskey, is that it is difficult for an individual of a certain community to get to City Hall to par-

ticipate in, or even be aware of, an upcoming meeting.

Boskey continued by saying that, in addition to these substantial obstacles, the content of the meetings are inadequate and overly simplistic summaries of complex proposals. "Information given to the public is often a two page summary, when planners have been negotiating for over six months," stated Boskey.

The city's executive committee is not obligated to accept the Urban Development Commission's recommendations, but the Commission is supposed to provide the necessary expertise to make responsible, educated decisions.

In a recent article in the Gazette, Architect Michael Fish pointed to what he sees as a fun-

damental problem in the committee: the profound ignorance of the people comprising the commission, since many long-standing members of the commission withdrew themselves from both the commission, and Bourque's Vision Montréal party this summer.

Fish claims that many vacant seats were filled by inexperienced people. "They're know-nothings. The Urban Plan is there, but now this group sits down and undoes it case by case," said Fish.

The problem, then, as many perceive it, is two-fold: the incompetence of the Urban Development Commission; and the tendency of Mayor Bourque to act according to his own personal preferences. Bourque's preference is to yield to business interests,

instead of recognizing the concerns of citizens living in the areas affected, say many of his critics. "Administration ends up saying, this is money, it's more important than protecting some downtown residential areas," Boskey said.

He stressed, "This is not just one plan. Week after week these things go on. One wonders in whose interests the city is being run... Is the city's role to make things easy for big business, or is the city there to exercise some leadership? Urban decisions that are made now are going to be with us for fifty to hundred years."

Attempts were made to contact Mayor Bourque for comments, but he did not respond to the Daily's numerous calls.

Events

Monday, October 20

The Daily presents a panel discussion concerning *Diversity Within the Queer Community* with Anurima Banerji, Nancy Pole and Himmat Shinhat. Shatner 435, 19h. Info: 398-6784.

LBGTM Coordinating meeting at 19h in Shatner 432.

Tuesday, October 21

McGill Students for Literacy is holding an open-mike session on the Arts Steps in conjunction with

Québec Literacy Week. Info: 398-5100.

McGill Plan-G Action Committee is having an organising meeting. All interested in participating in this mass protest on November 3 are welcome to come. 17h, Shatner B-09/10.

Wednesday, October 22

Joseph Pace will provide an overview of related material from his upcoming book, *Diet for A New Canada - Choosing Our Food for the Next Millennium*. Leacock 26.

Info: Krishna Mercer at 289-9714 or skink@sympatico.ca.

LBGTM's Bisexual Group meets in the Women's Union. Everyone is invited to join the friendly discussion. 17h30 in Shatner 423.

Thursday, October 23

LBGTM's Womyn's Group meets in the Women's Union. Shatner 423 at 18h30.

Friday, October 24

LBGTM's Coming Out Group

meets in the basement of UTC 3521 University, corner Milton) at 17h30.

LBGTM's Men's Discussion Group meets in the basement of UTC (3521 University, corner Milton) at 19h.

Ongoing

LBGTM is looking for volunteers to facilitate their Womyn's and Bisexual (men and women) discussion groups. Info: 398-6822.

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